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K: Hello Mr. President

N: Hi Henry.

K: I was just checking ;the line had gone dead. Mr. President it looks as if the Turks are going to land in Cyprus within the hour if they haven't already landed there. At any rate they've told us they're going to land there. And that they have given instructions to their troops to avoid fire if the Greeks avoid firing. And so my recommendation, if you agree Mr. President, is the following. That we send -- we first of all are going to get in touch with Taska immediately and give him that message from the Turks about the firing. Secondly we're going to urge the Greeks to see whether they will accept the solution of the head of the national assembly Clerides. They'll never accept Makarios without going to war.

N: Yes.

K: And the Turks have already told us they will accept anybody and if they accept Clerides then actually we'll have come out very well. If they don't accept Clerides we're going to have a war between the Greeks and the Turks. We're also drafting letters from you to the Greek and Turkish leaders urging restraint on them but the first thing we've got to do is get the message to the Greeks. We'll get the message off -- your message off immediately. Immediately after that. And then maybe in a few hours we can ~~XXXXXX~~ consider the question of a Security Council meeting.

N: Good. Fine.

K: I'll keep you informed as soon as we know more. I've got a call into Callaghan to see that we can stay lined up with the British.

N: He ought to. We'll see. He'll support us. Why are the Turks going to such lengths.

K: They have a very tough domestic situation at this point. That is just the message that the Minister of Turkey has just told Sisco that they have a tough domestic situation and Ecevit is trying to appeal to them -- the nationalists. And....

N: Well, if it gets down to the Greeks and the Turks having at each other I mean if it does get to that we then have to go to the Security Council

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K: To the Security Council and NATO and we'll have to stop military supplies to both while they are fighting. There is no sense having an open pipeline to two NATO allies who are fighting each other.

N: That's alright. That's the way to play it.

K: Let's see first whether we can get -- if actually we get the Clerides solution this will be the best way to do it.

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N: Yes.

K: Call Ingersoll. OK Mr. President. I'm sorry to.....

N: No, that's what I'm here for.

K: I'll call you as soon as I have some more news.

N: I guess there is no way we could have kept the Turks from doing this.

K: Mr. President, we had Sisco out there. We had Sisco talk to them in London. He talked to them again. The only way I suppose we could have done it was by being more threatening which we weren't. We were maybe too pleading but frankly we didn't think they'd move this fast.

N: Well, threatening them now I suppose...

K: Now its too late. We did send them a very strong note about 8 hours ago telling them it would have very grave consequences.

N: Right. Well don't be concerned about the reaction. The libs and all that sort of thing.

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K: The libs now have nothing to react to.

N: They're on the side of the Turks aren't they?

K: Well, they're against the Greeks.

N: That's my point. Where do you end up then. Who is their horse.

K: Well, we'll be on the side of the Turks by pushing for Clerides.
The Greeks won't like that.

N: OK. Let's push for it all the way.

K: Right Mr. President.

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